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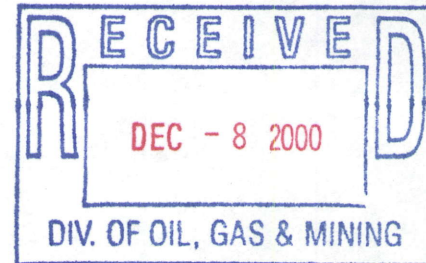
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December 4, 2000

Mr. Eugene Tuttle
Natural Organic Fertilizer
1409 Lubbock Highway
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Dear Mr. Tuttle:

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Information
Natural Organic Fertilizer, SMO S/019/054
Mineral Processing



We received a copy of your letter dated November 6, 2000, to the Division of Oil Gas and Mining. We also discussed the subject by telephone on December 4, 2000. It appears there will be no adverse impact to water quality from the subject operation if certain precautions are taken. This letter is to inform you of these concerns, so steps can be taken to preclude problems.

Your current operating plan appears to involve crushing and concentrating of inert materials. You reported that no acidic or caustic liquid will be created by the process. However, generated inert wastewater must be excluded from running into streams, or causing erosion. The tailings pond should be stable and large enough to hold the needed inventory, and include extra freeboard for storm water safety. Pond banks should also be located away and protected from all storm water runoff washes or streams to prevent scouring and failures of pond dikes. We also recommend you consider lining any ponds to reduce the economic loss of water due to seepage.

It appears a permit from this division is not required. As discussed, we request to hear from you when you are ready to begin operation. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact us.

Sincerely,

David A. Rupp, P.E.
Environmental Engineer

cc: Joelle Burns, DOGM

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